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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Atsuo SHIMADA, et al.

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EXAMINER:

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FOR: DOCUMENT PROCESSOR, DOCUMENT CLASSIFICATION DEVICE, DOCUMENT PROCESSING METHOD, DOCUMENT CLASSIFICATION METHOD, AND COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM FOR RECORDING PROGRAMS FOR EXECUTING THE METHODS ON A COMPUTER

REQUEST FOR PRIORITY

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SIR:

- Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number, filed, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.
- Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Provisional Application Serial Number , filed , is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119(e).
- Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>APPLICATION NUMBER</u>	<u>MONTH/DAY/YEAR</u>
Japan	10-376576	December 24, 1998
Japan	10-369589	December 25, 1998
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- are submitted herewith
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- were filed in prior application Serial No. filed
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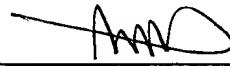
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